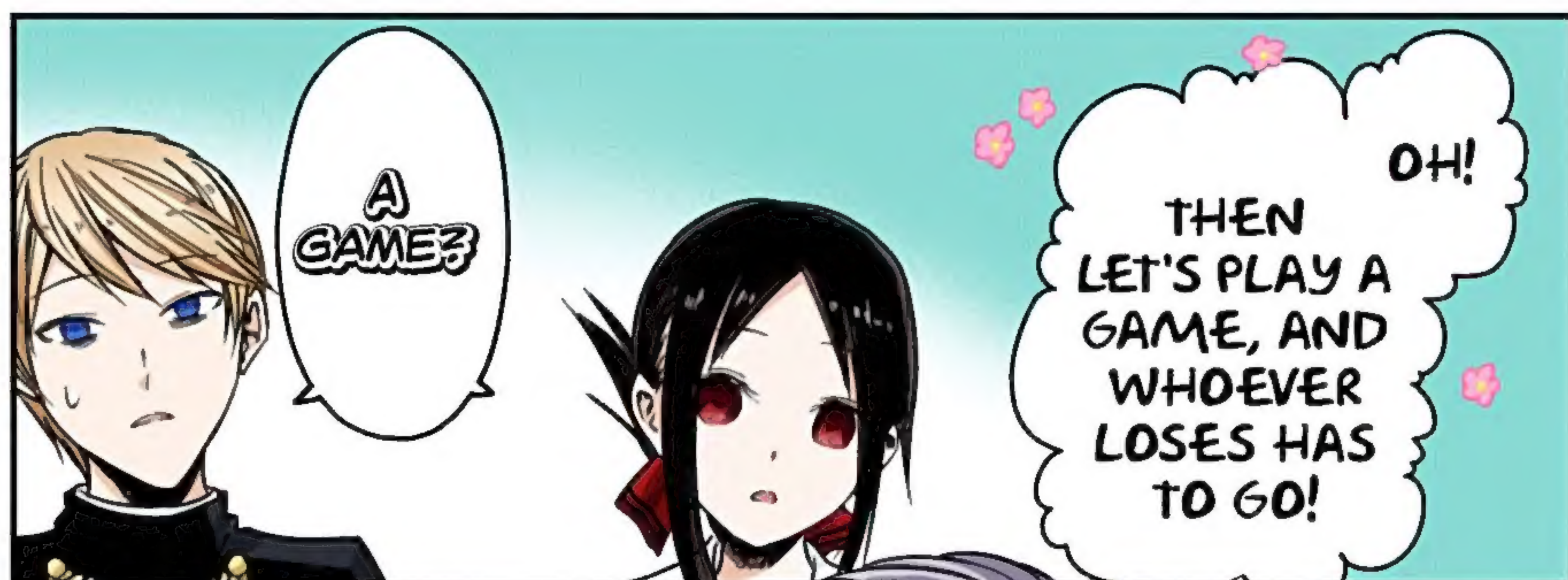
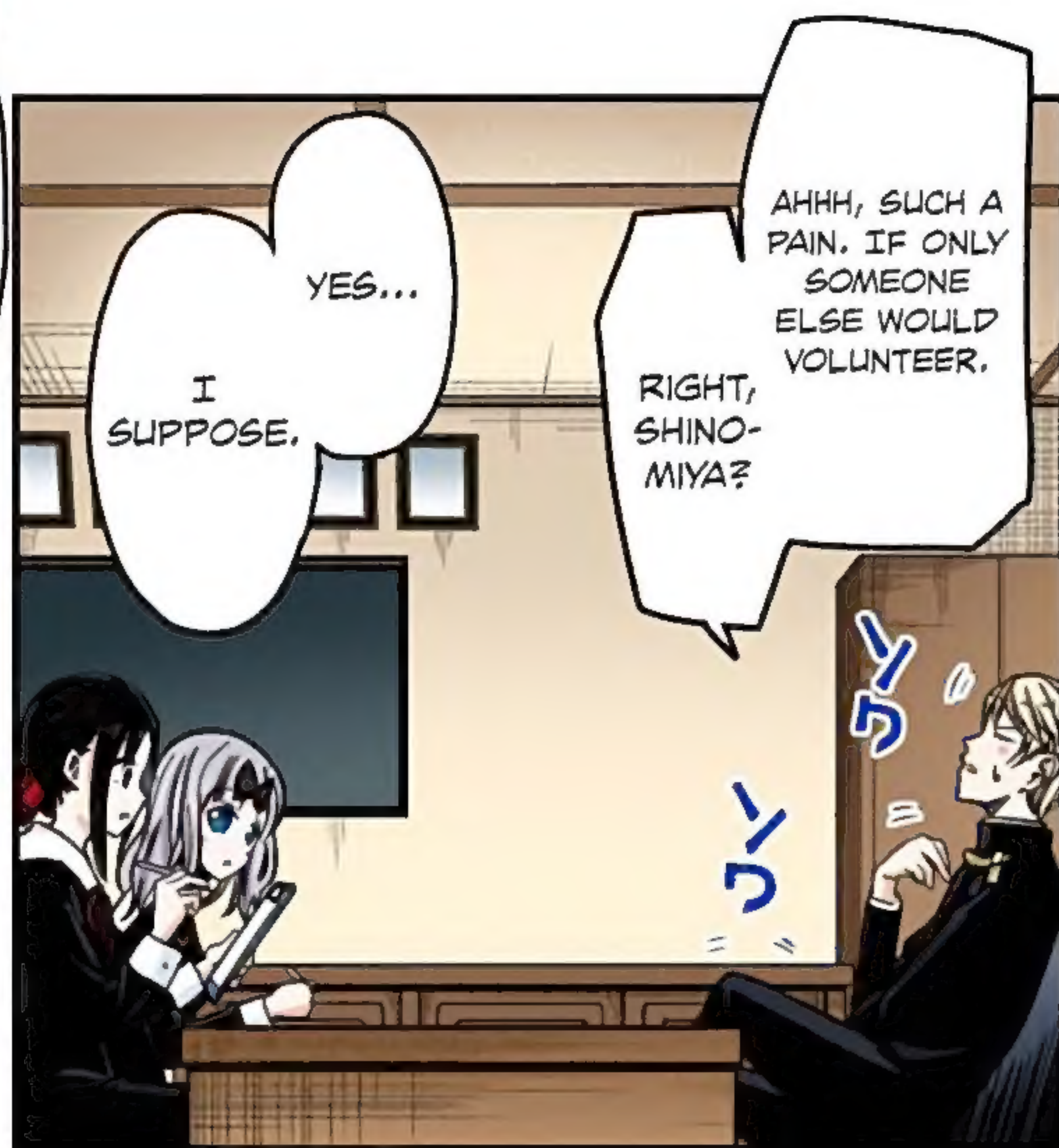
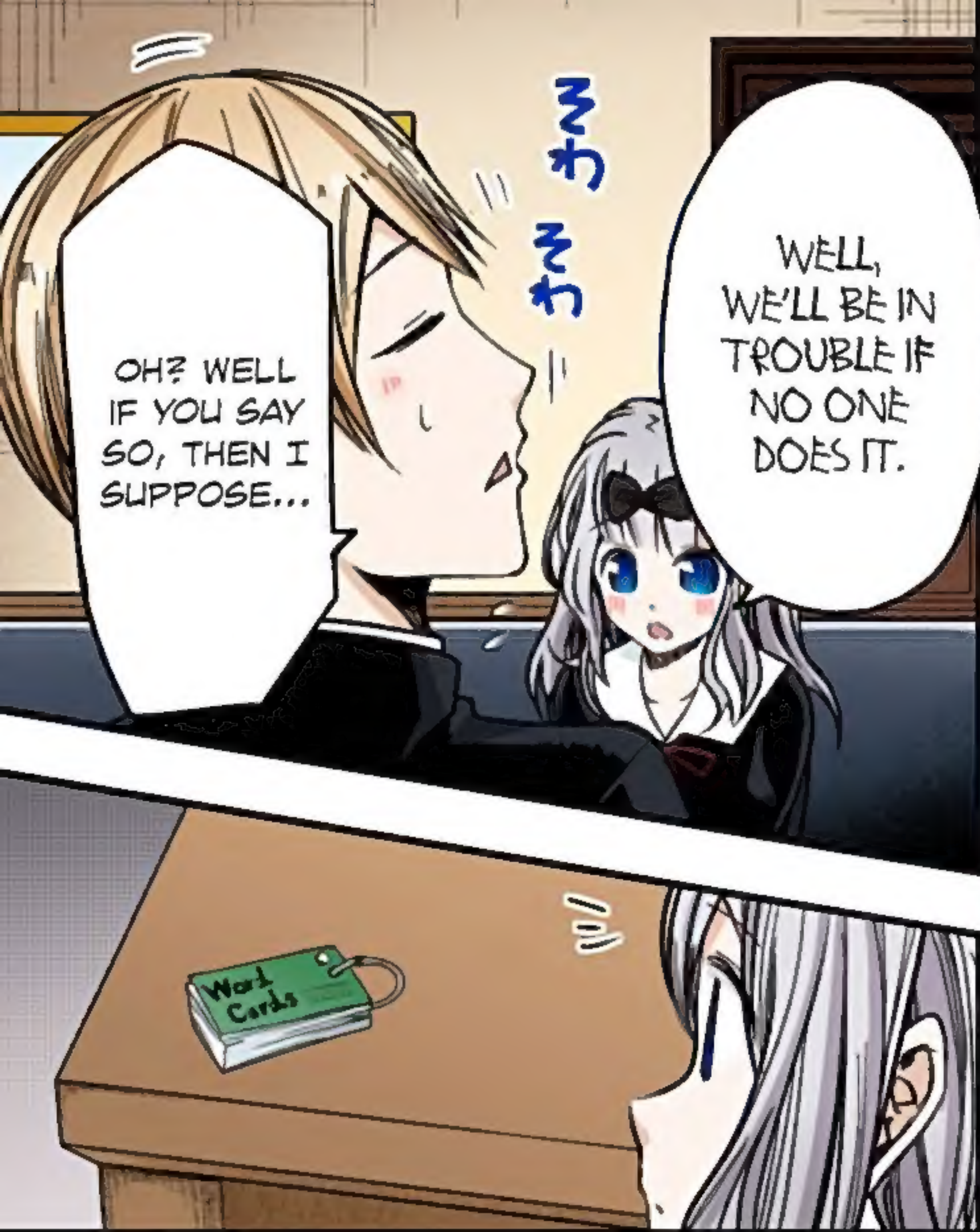


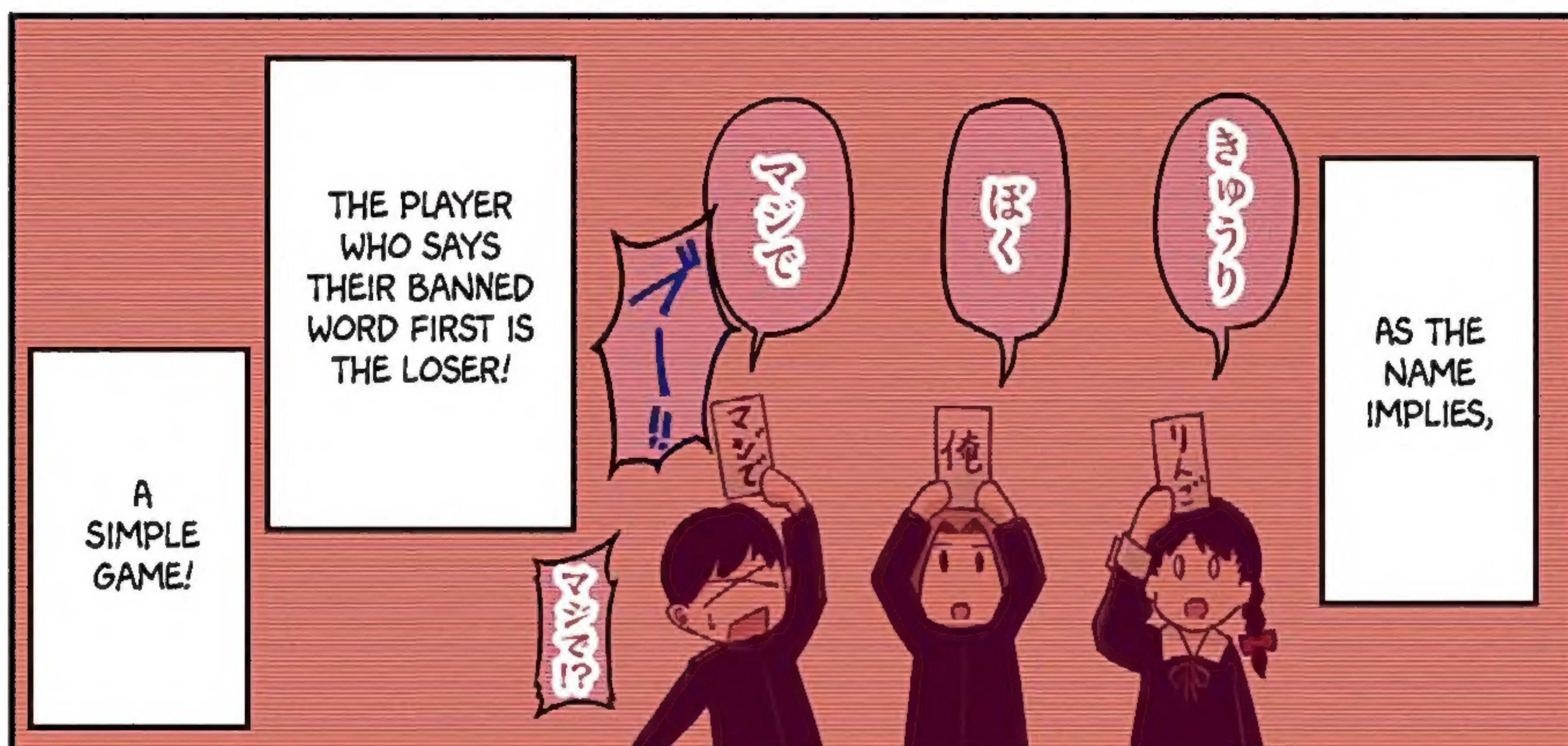


AHHH, I
REALLY
DON'T
WANT TO
DO IT.

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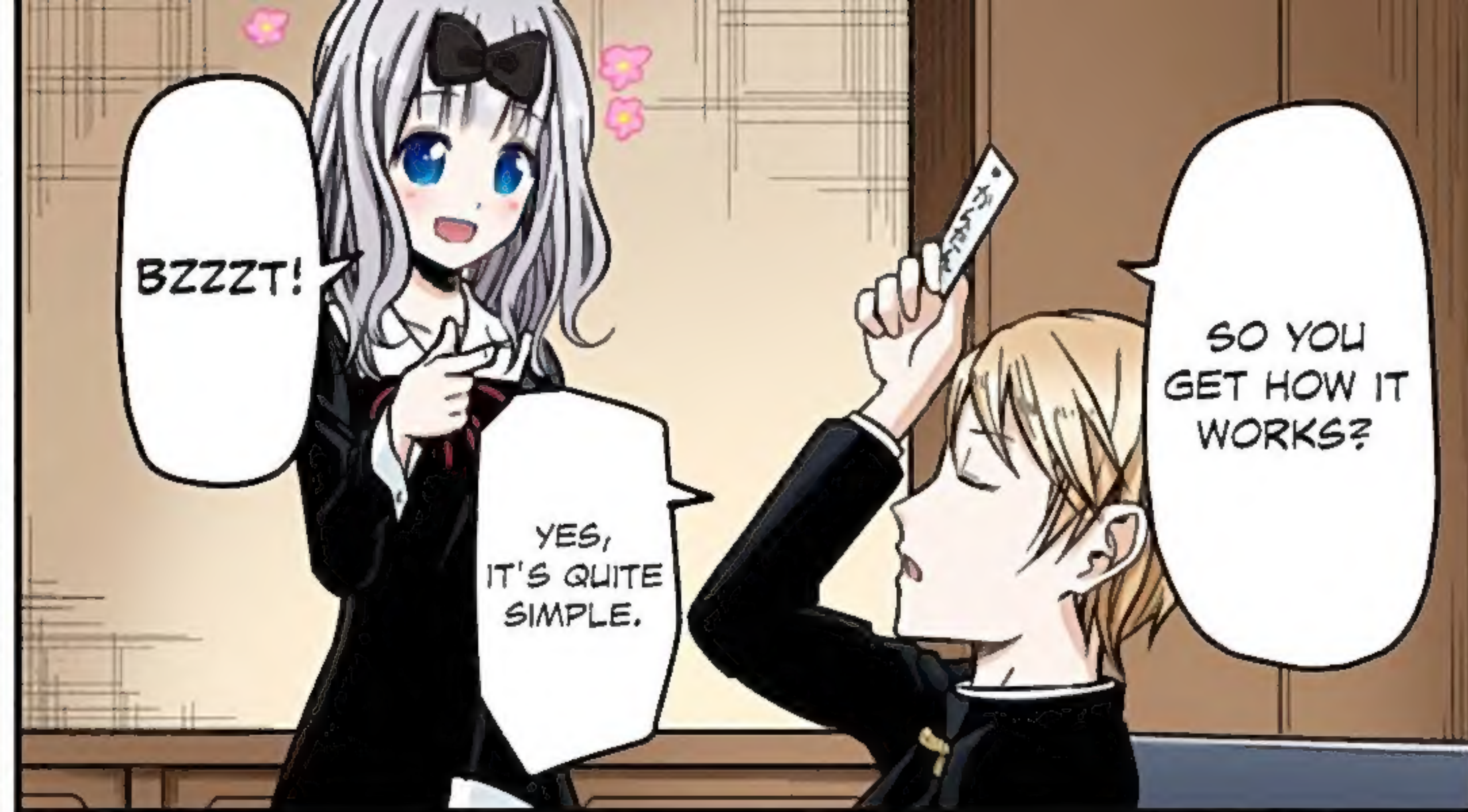


THE BANNED WORD GAME!





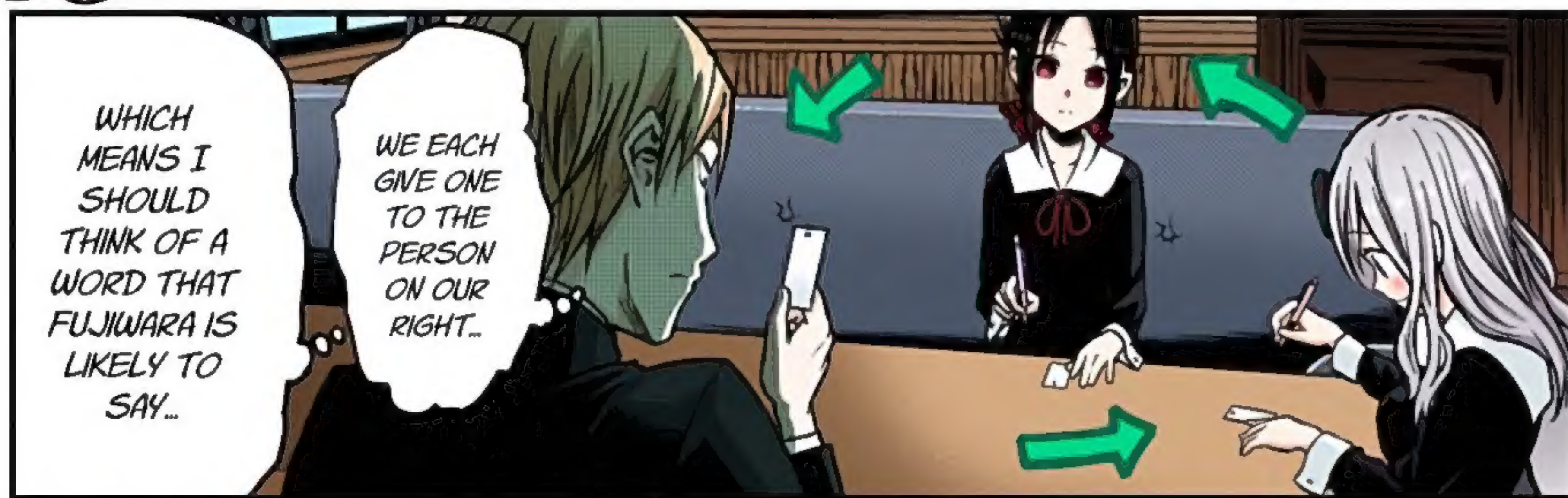
OKAY THEN, LET'S PLAY FOR REAL!



BZZZT!

YES, IT'S QUITE SIMPLE.

SO YOU GET HOW IT WORKS?



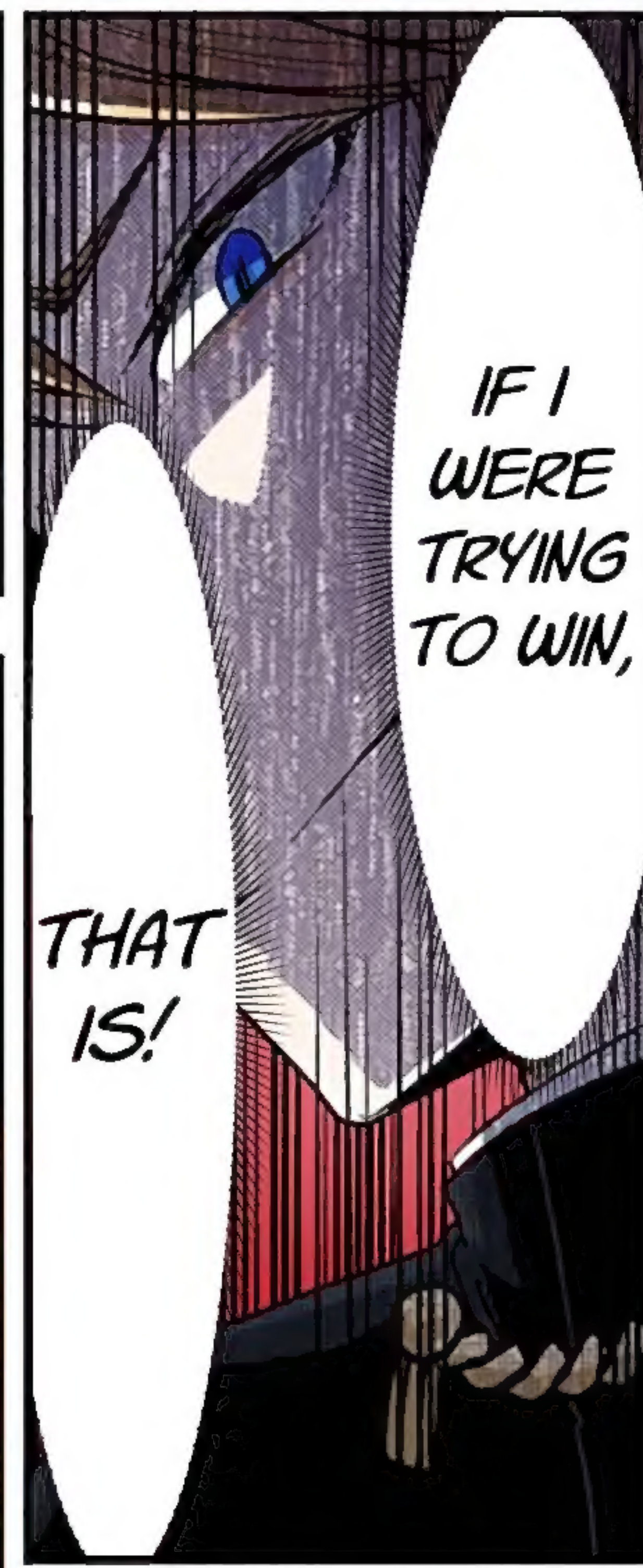
WHICH MEANS I SHOULD THINK OF A WORD THAT FUJIWARA IS LIKELY TO SAY...

WE EACH GIVE ONE TO THE PERSON ON OUR RIGHT...



1ST: DOESN'T GO
2ND: GOES
3RD: GOES

WE NEED TWO PEOPLE TO GO SHOPPING, WHICH MEANS THAT SECOND PLACE AND THIRD PLACE WILL GO.



IF I WERE TRYING TO WIN,

THAT IS!



SO SHINOMIYA, WITH HER KNOWLEDGE OF JAPANESE SWEETS, WOULD BE PERFECT FOR THAT.

AND WE'LL NEED SOMEONE WHO KNOWS WHAT SORT OF THINGS TO BUY FOR THE FRENCH STUDENTS,

SO IT MAKES SENSE THAT I SHOULD GO.

WELL, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, YOU'LL NEED A MAN TO DO ALL THE HEAVY LIFTING,

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茶道許状もち

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FUJIWARA
NEEDS TO
WIN,

1ST FUJIWARA
2ND ME
3RD SHINOMIYA

SO THIS
IS HOW
THE GAME
SHOULD
END!

AND I NEED
TO DEFEAT
SHINOMIYA!

This
part is also
important.

I NEED TO
THINK OF A
WORD THAT
SHE WOULD
NEVER SAY!

IN OTHER
WORDS, TO
MAKE SURE
FUJIWARA
WILL WIN,

THAT
WILL BE
THE MOST
EFFICIENT
WAY!

FROM AN
EFFICIENCY
STANDPOINT,
THE BEST
OPTION
WOULD BE
FOR ME AND
SHINOMIYA
TO GO!!

AW

DAWG

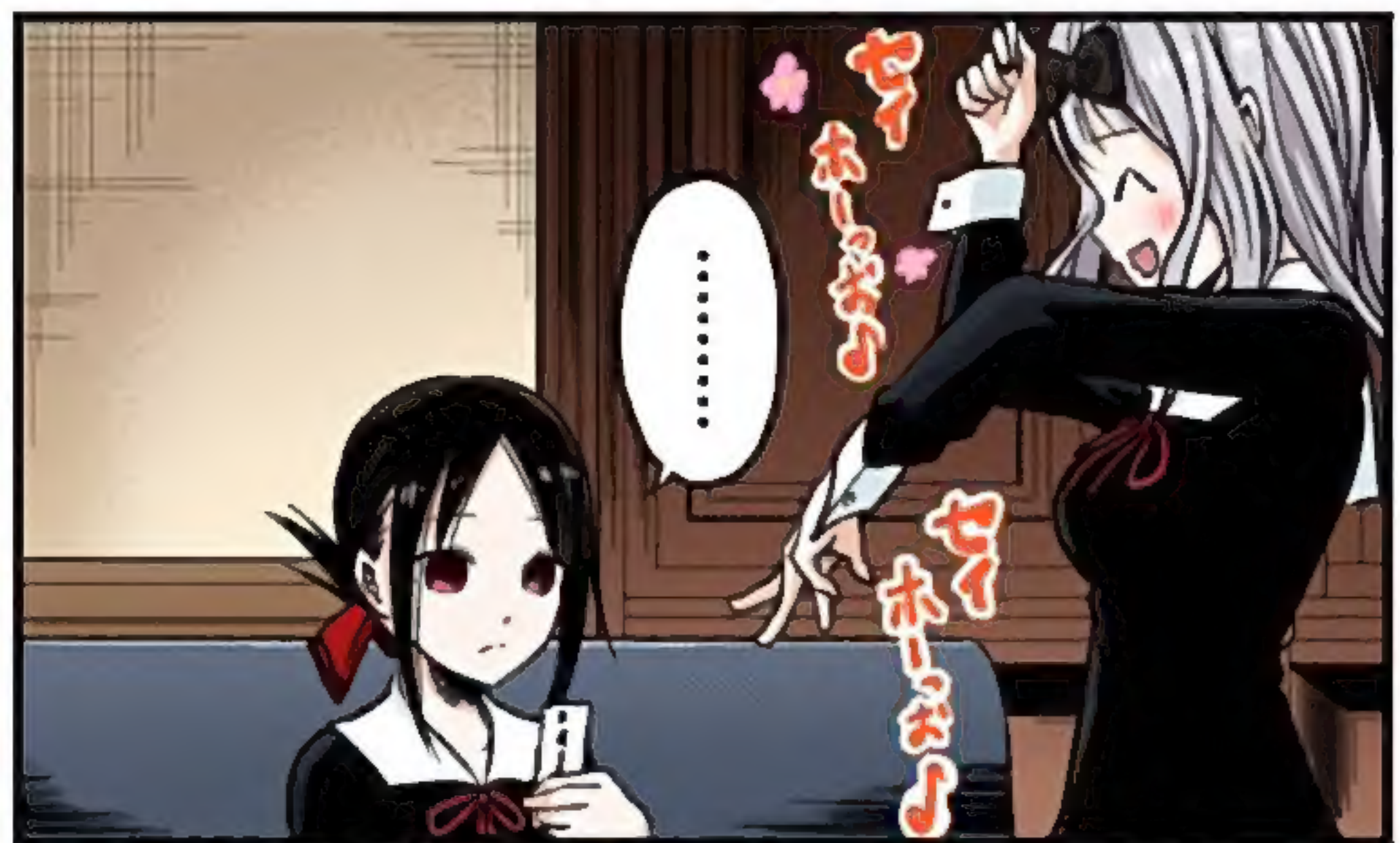
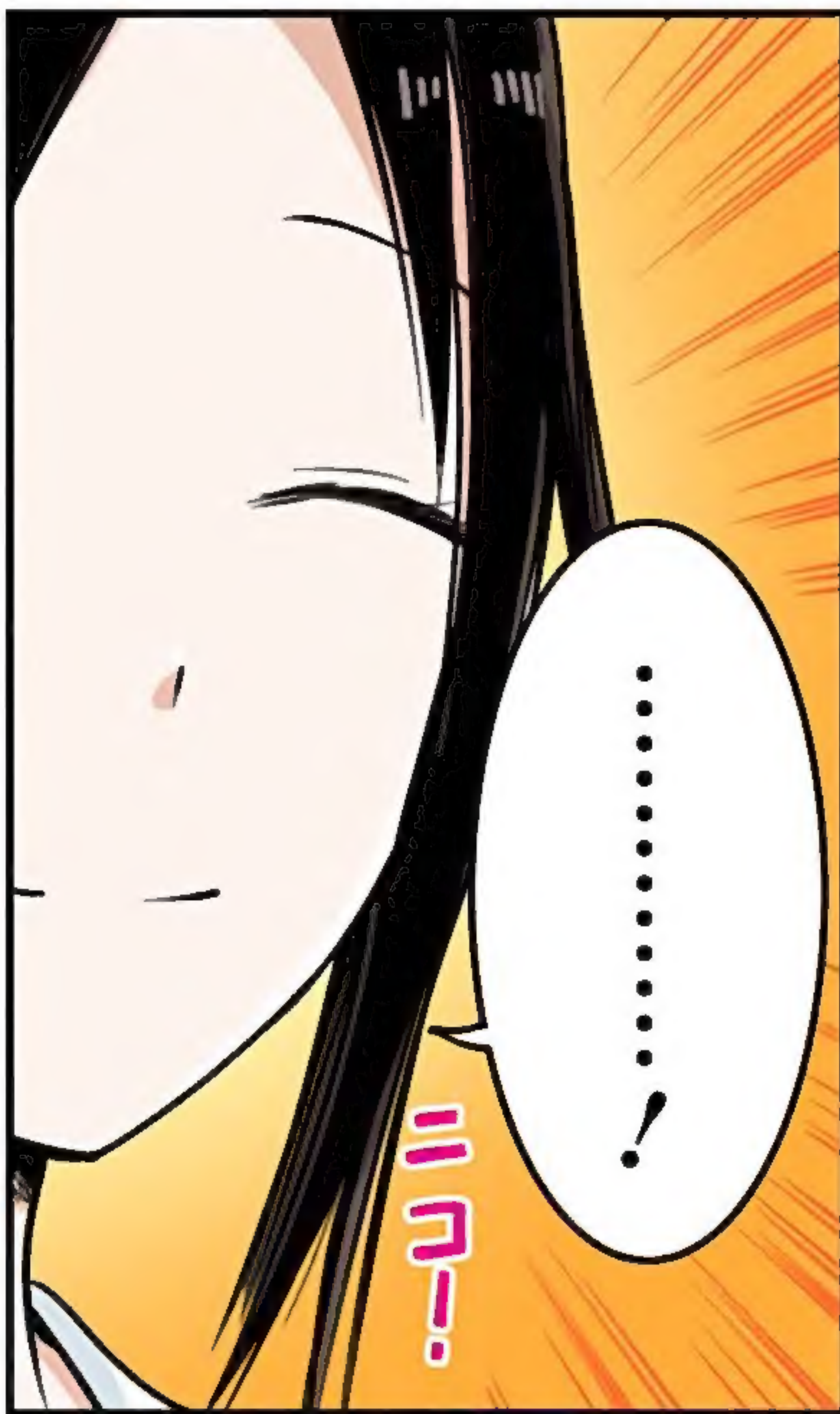
ALRIGHT, IS
EVERYONE
READY?

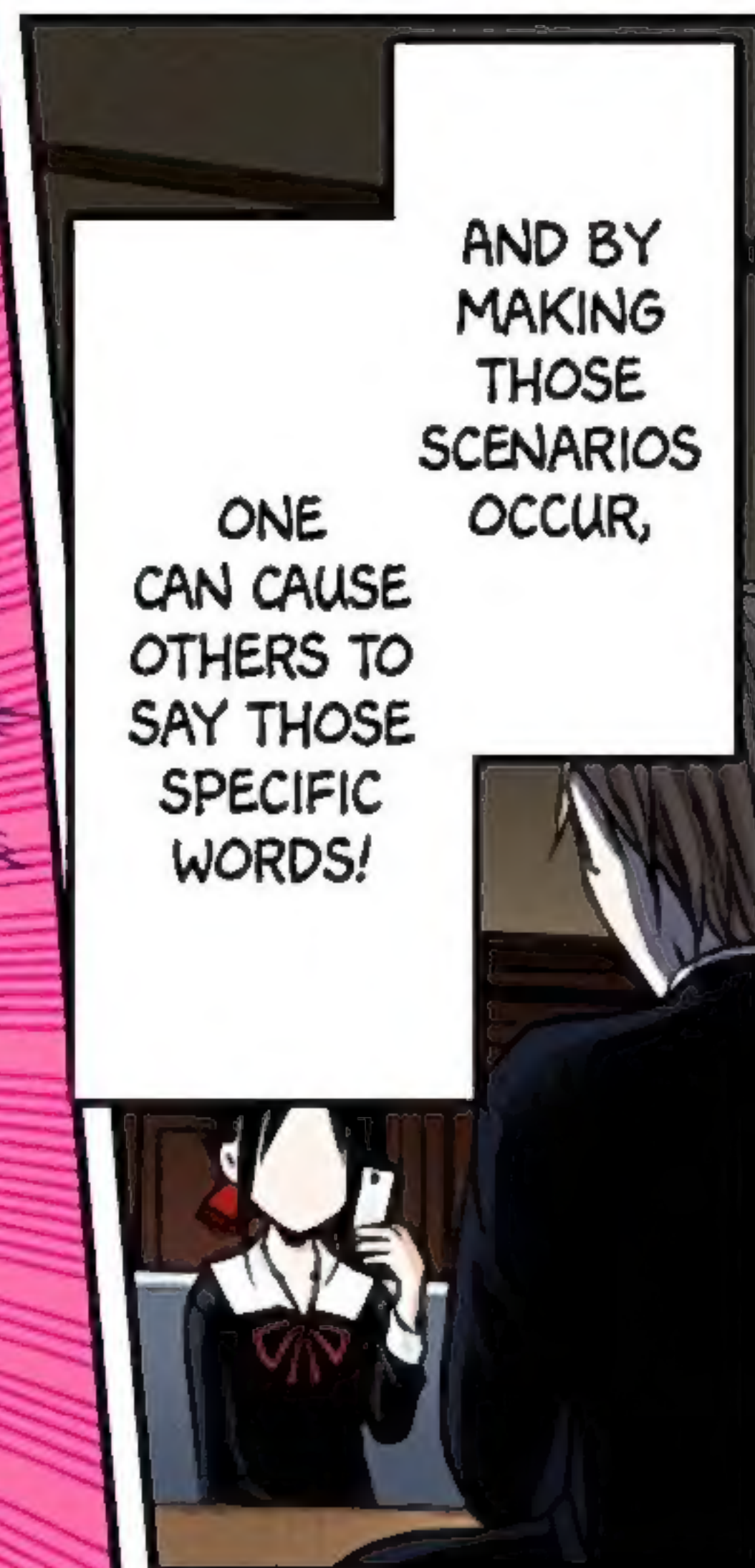
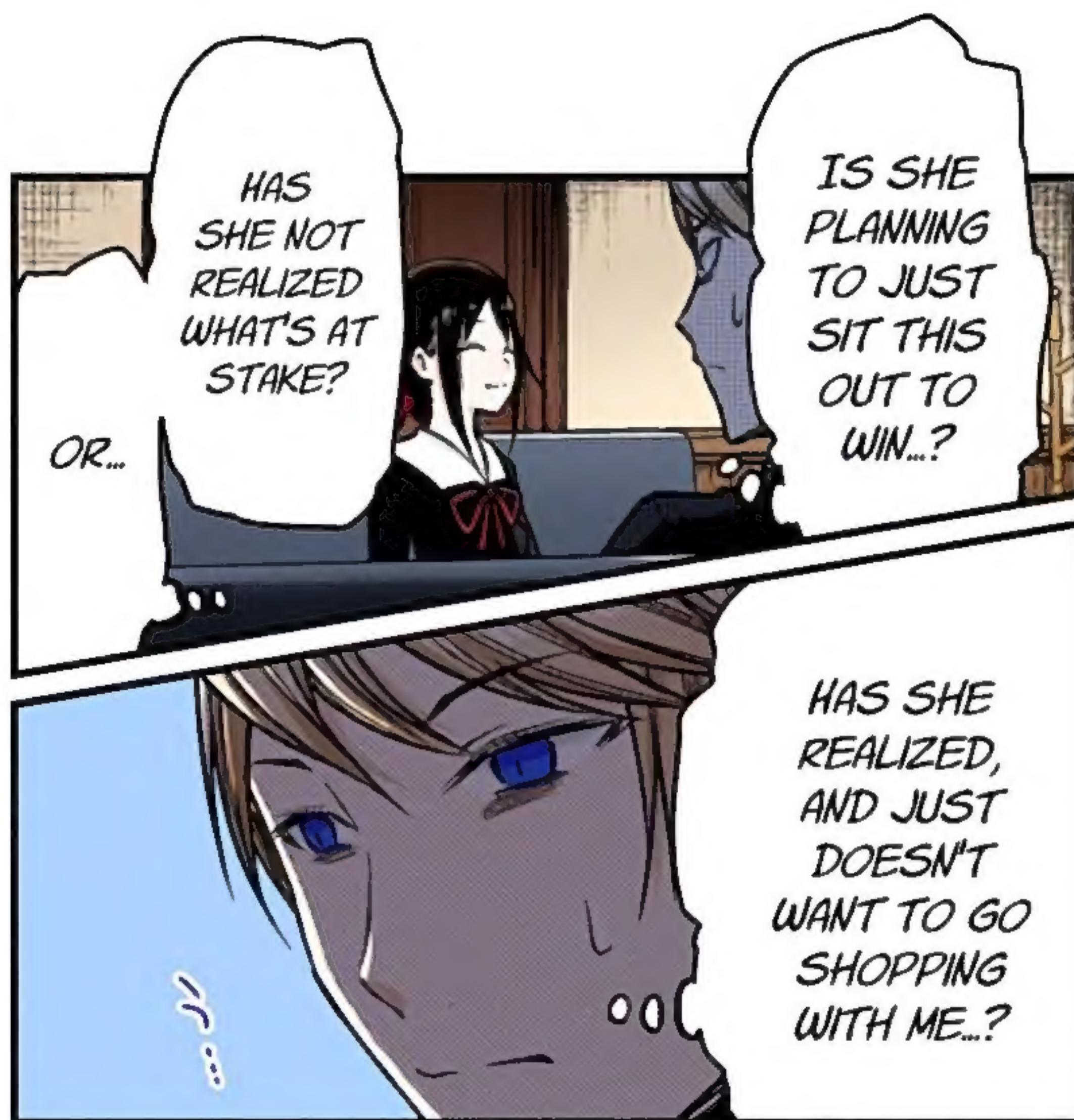
THERE'S NO
WAY SHE
WOULD SAY
THIS.

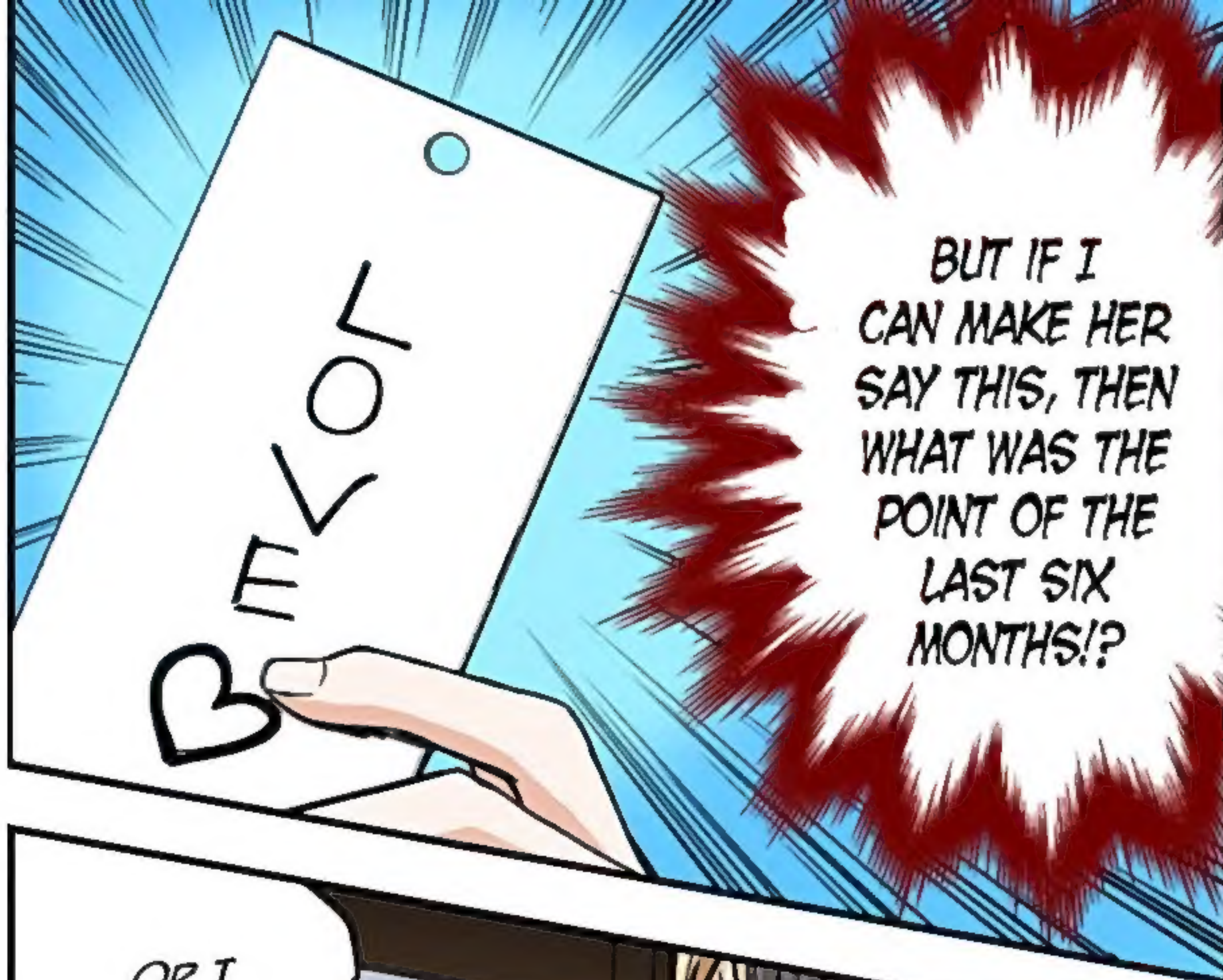
THE
MATCH IS
DECIDED!

クッ?
クッ?





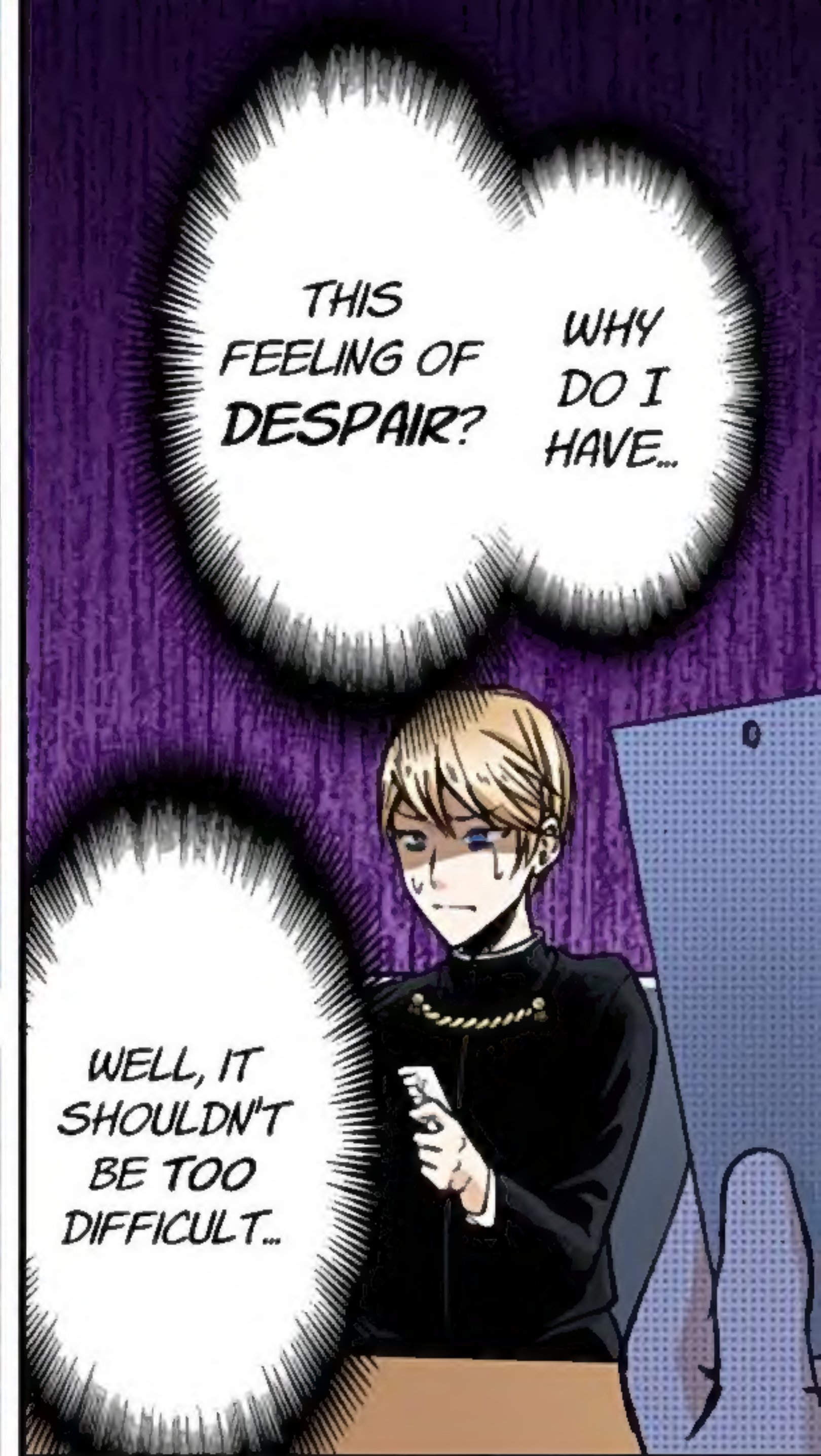




BUT IF I
CAN MAKE HER
SAY THIS, THEN
WHAT WAS THE
POINT OF THE
LAST SIX
MONTHS!?



OR I
SUPPOSE I
COULD JUST
BRING THE
CONVERSATION
TOWARDS
SOMETHING
SHE LIKES...



THIS
FEELING OF
DESPAIR?

WHY
DO I
HAVE...

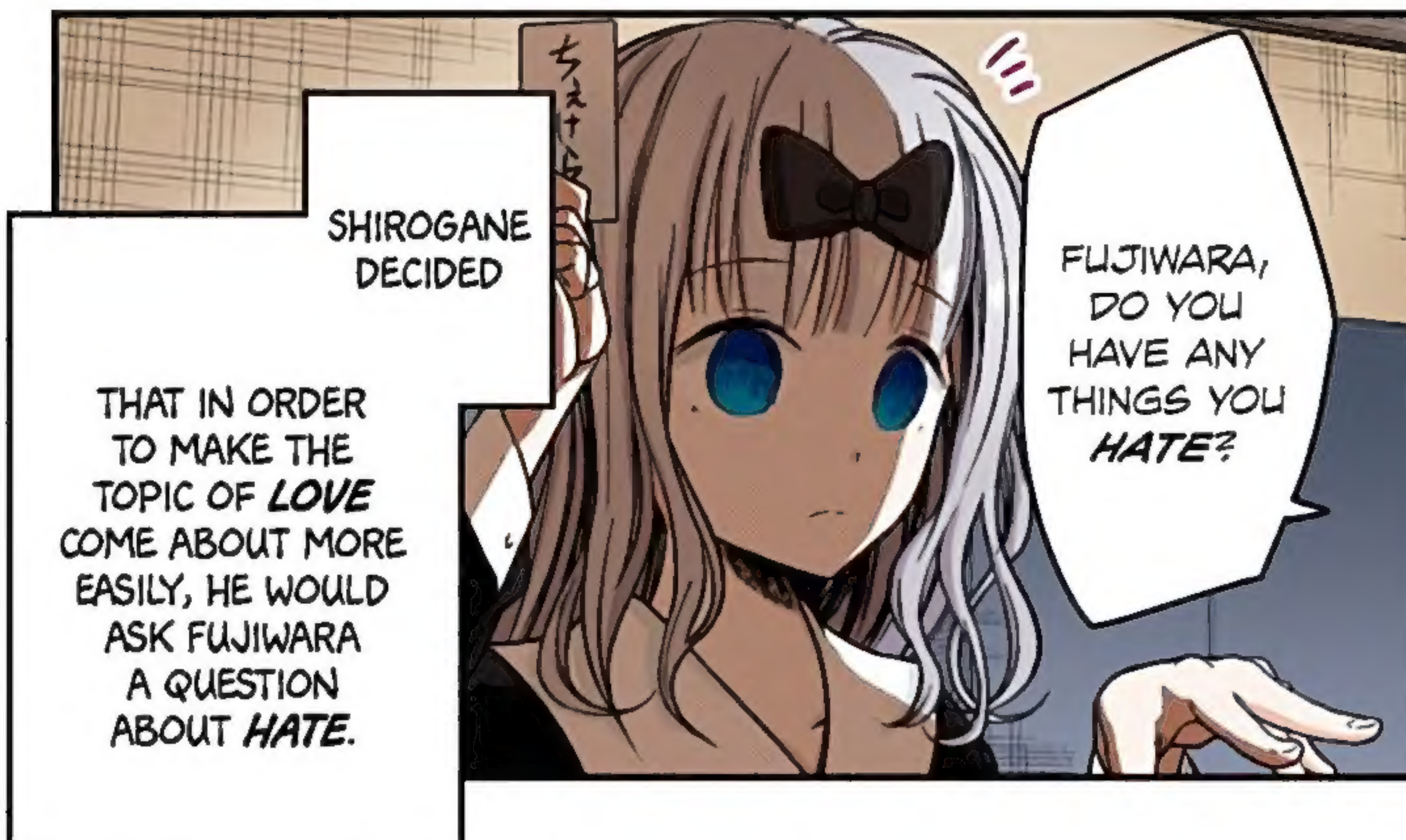
WELL, IT
SHOULDN'T
BE TOO
DIFFICULT...



SHE'S
SHROUDED
IN MYSTERY.

HER
HOBBIES,
HER
FAVORITE
THINGS...

BUT NOW
THAT I
THINK OF IT,
I HAVE NO
IDEA WHAT
SHINOMIYA
LIKES.



SHIROGANE
DECIDED

THAT IN ORDER
TO MAKE THE
TOPIC OF **LOVE**
COME ABOUT MORE
EASILY, HE WOULD
ASK FUJIWARA
A QUESTION
ABOUT **HATE**.

FUJIWARA,
DO YOU
HAVE ANY
THINGS YOU
HATE?



I WONDER
IF FUJIWARA
HAD SOME
PLAN WHEN
SHE PICKED
THIS WORD.
I
GUESS
I'LL
PASS
THINGS
ON TO
HER.



I...

YEAH...

SOMETHING
I HATE...



COME
AGAIN?



HATE
*PEOPLE
WHO CAN'T
READ THE
MOOD,* YO...

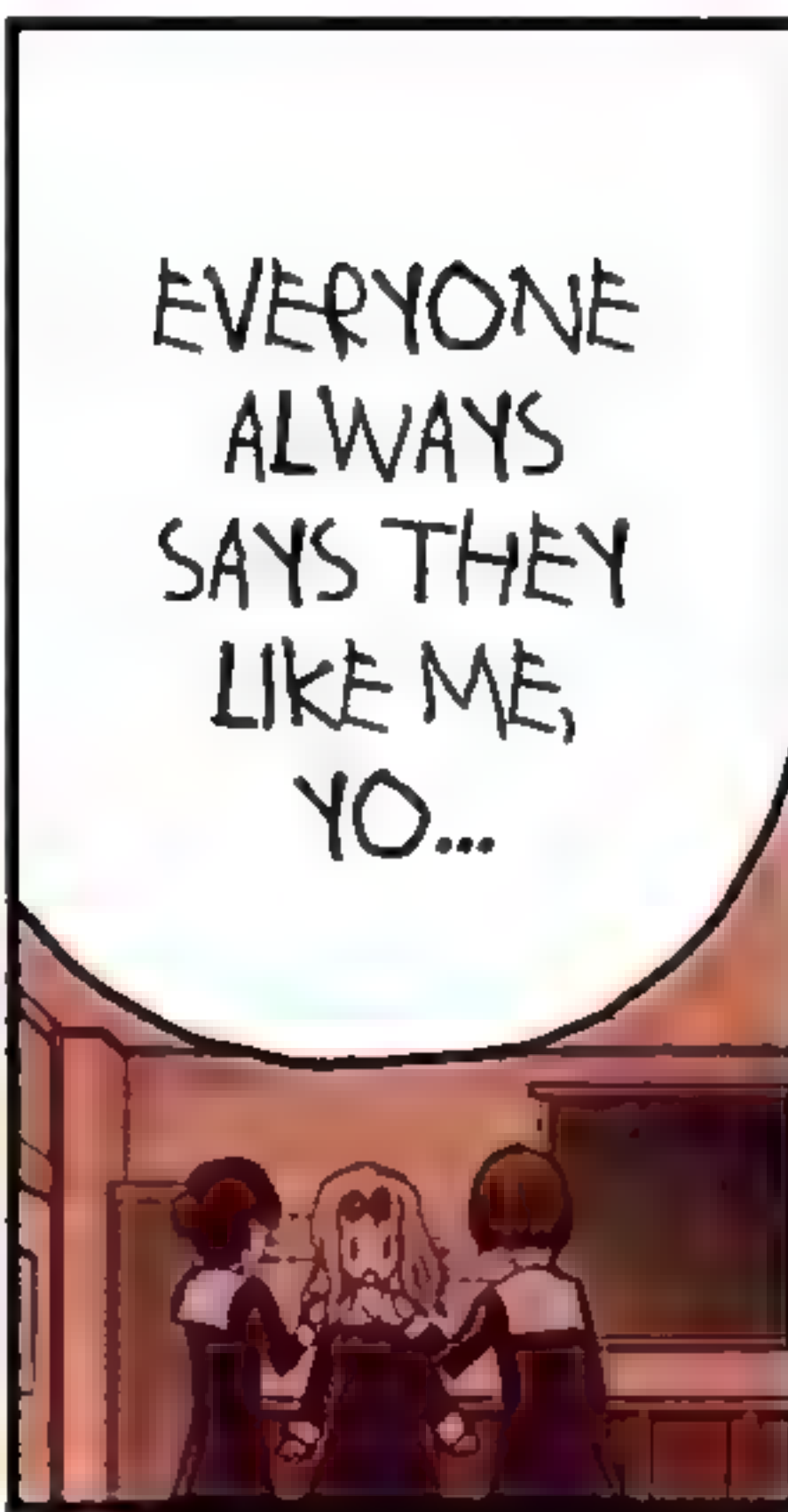
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MAYBE YOU
SHOULD
CHOOSE MORE
RELIABLE
FRIENDS.

BUT WHEN
THEY START
TALKING ABOUT
LOVE, THEY
NEVER LET ME
IN ON THE
CONVERSATION,
YO!

IT'S LIKE
STEPPING
ON A LAND
MINE, YO!



EVERYONE
ALWAYS
SAYS THEY
LIKE ME,
YO...

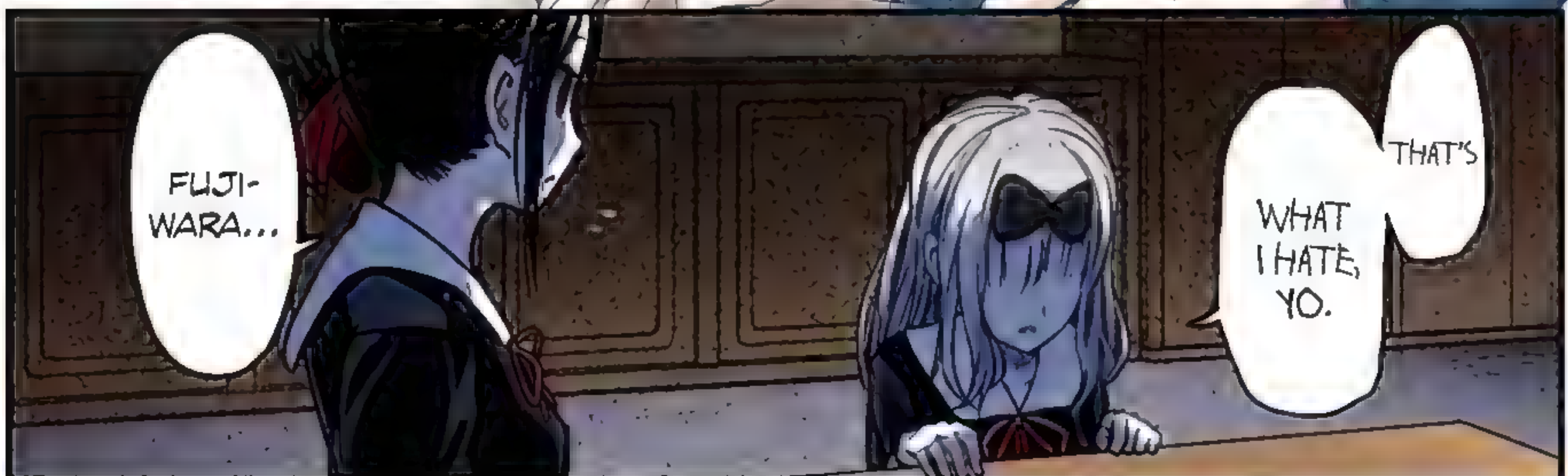


I FEEL LIKE I
JUST CAUSE
TROUBLE FOR
EVERYONE...

IT
MAKES
ME SO
SAD...

...YO.

SO I
ALWAYS
FEEL LEFT
OUT...



FUJI-
WARA...

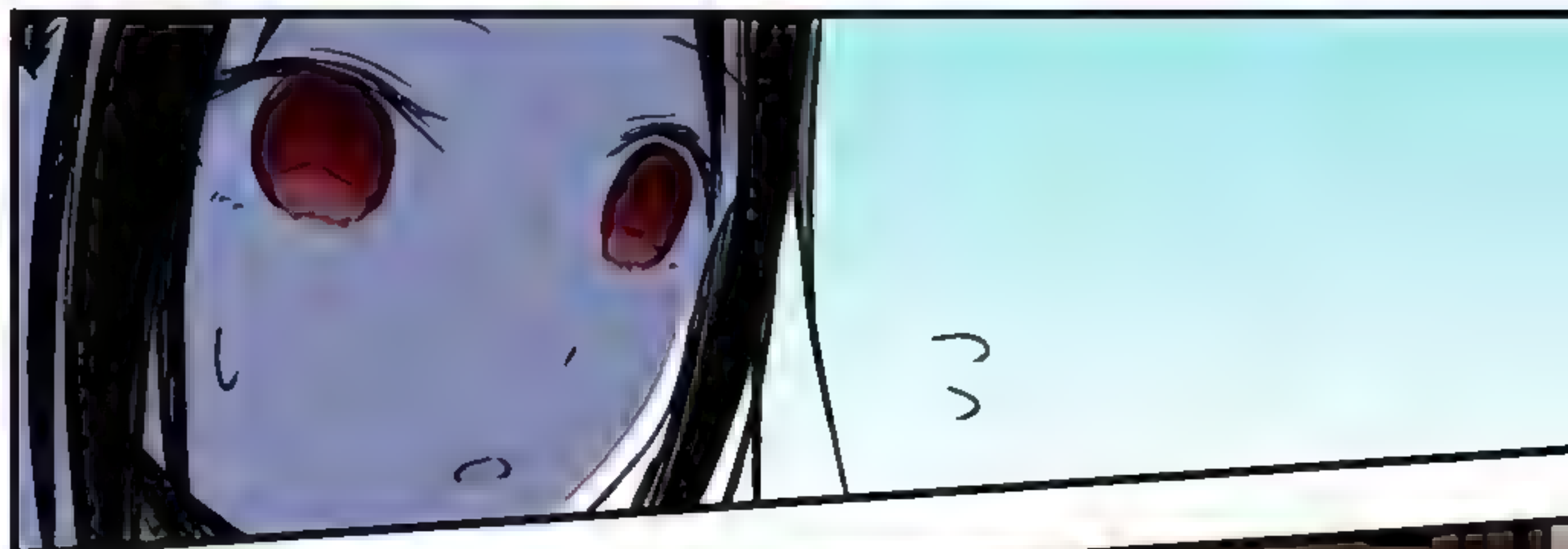
WHAT
I HATE,
YO.

THAT'S



REALLY?

YOU
REALLY
DON'T
HATE
ME?



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KAGUYA...

YOU JUST
ALWAYS SAY
EXACTLY
WHAT'S ON
YOUR MIND,
AND YOU'VE
HELPED SO
MANY PEOPLE
BECAUSE OF
THAT.

YOU
CAN'T LET
YOURSELF
THINK THAT
YOU'RE
CAUSING
PEOPLE
TROUBLE.



I LOVE
SPENDING
TIME WITH
YOU.

OF
COURSE
NOT...

OF...

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...



BZZZZT!
GOTCHA,
YO!



WOW,
THAT WAS
LOW...

I HAD
NO IDEA
FUJIWARA
COULD DO
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT...

AND SHE
HAD ACTED
UPON IT!

FUJIWARA HAD
ANTICIPATED
THE KIND
AND CARING
KAGUYA'S
NATURAL
REACTION!

NATURAL
REACTIONS!

!?



Y' THINK
AH'D EVAH
GET LEFT
OUT O'
DAT,
YO!?

NOT A
LIE, A
BLUFF,
YO! ♪

WAS
EVERY-
THING
YOU JUST
SAID A
LIE!?

I WAS
JUST
BEING
HONEST...



AND
EVERY-
THING WILL
GO AS
PLANNED...

I JUST
HAVE TO LET
MYSELF WALK
INTO ALL OF
HER TRAPS
AND LOSE,

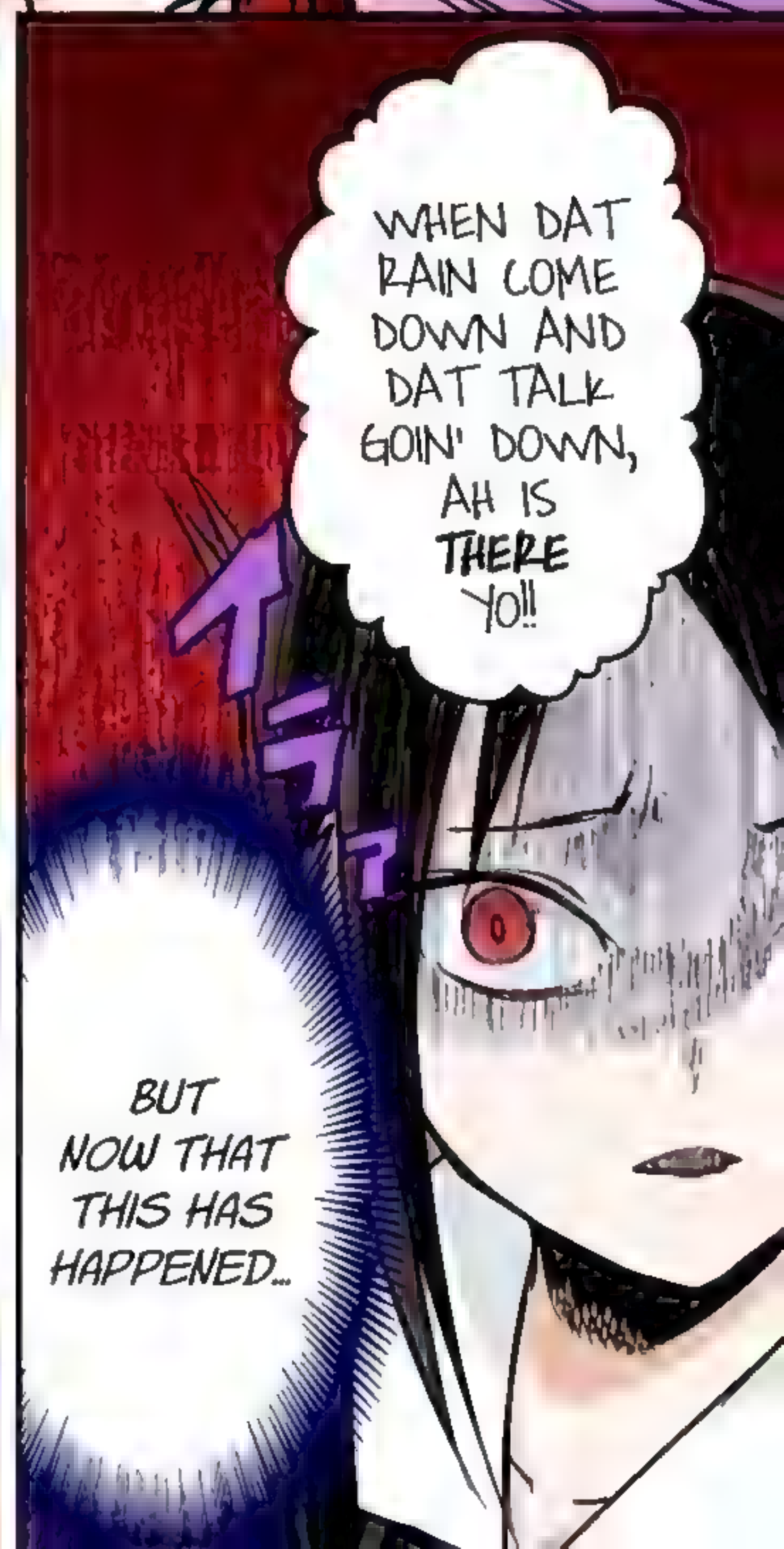
THE REST
WILL BE
EASY.



WELL IT
MUST BE NICE
TO NEVER
HAVE TO
CARE ABOUT
ANYTHING!

BUT...

BUT
NOW THAT
THIS HAS
HAPPENED...



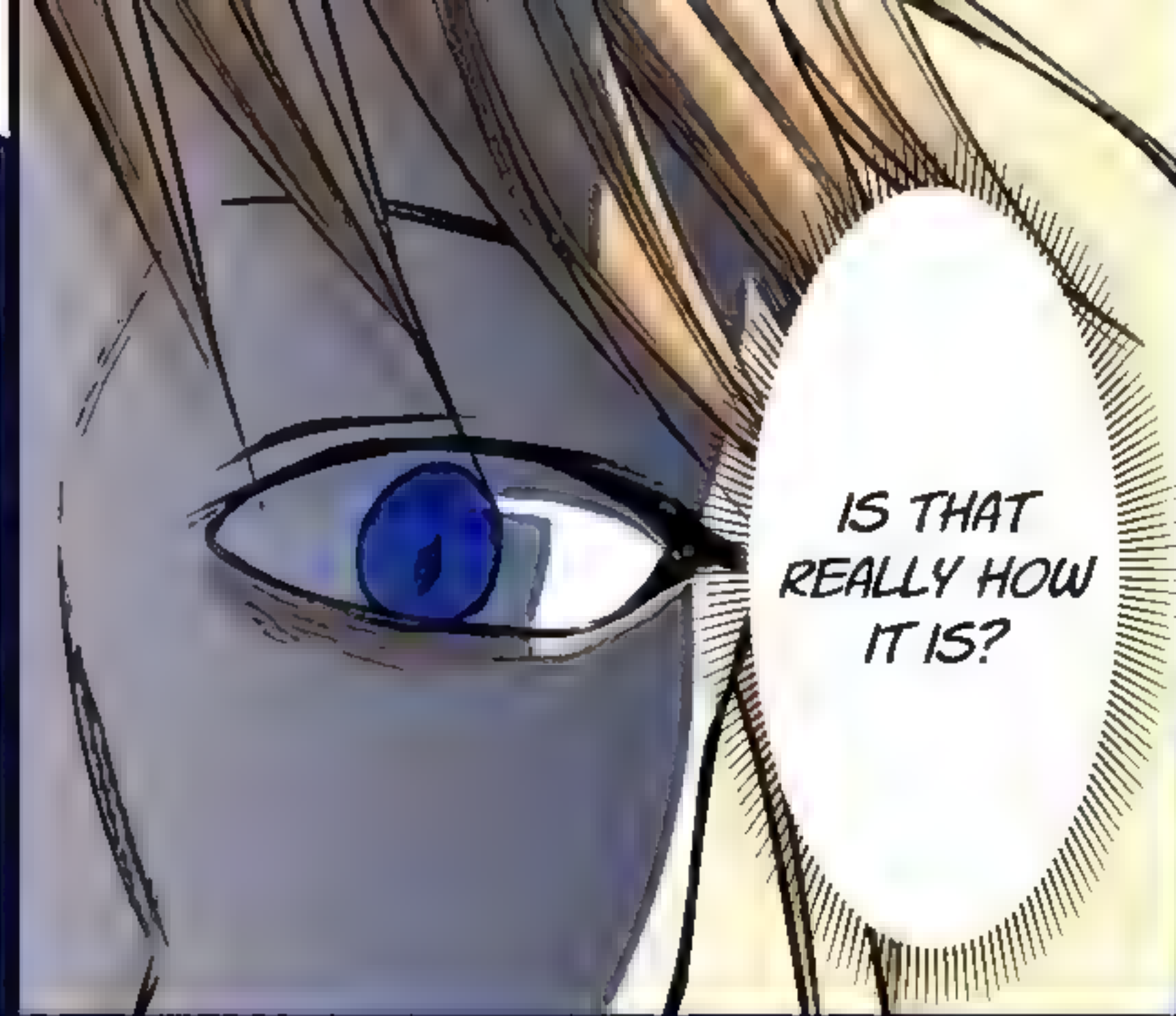
WHEN DAT
RAIN COME
DOWN AND
DAT TALK
GOIN' DOWN,
AH IS
THERE
YO!!



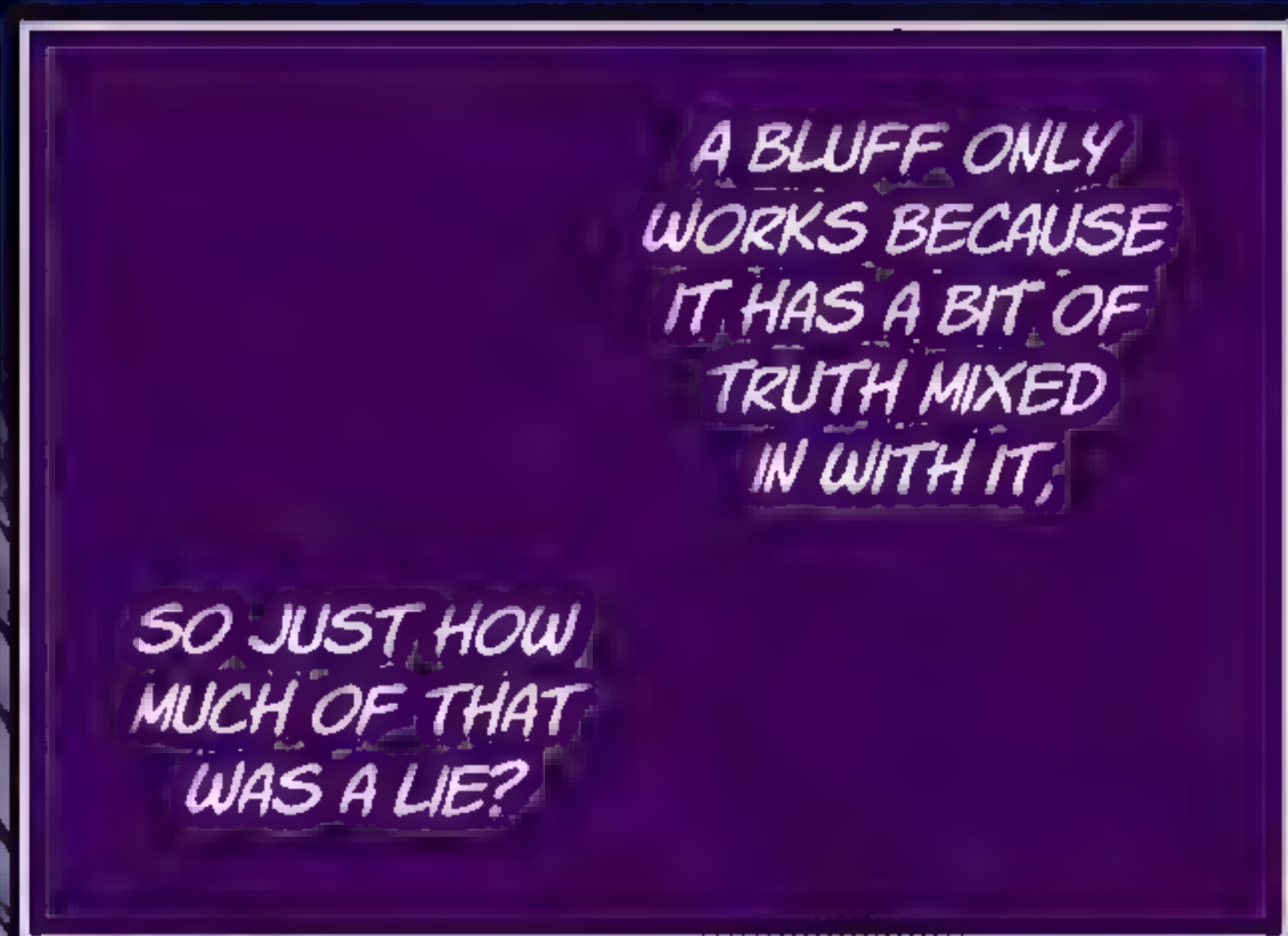
WERE THOSE
WORDS OF
FEELING LEFT
OUT,

THOSE
EYES,

JUST
LIES?

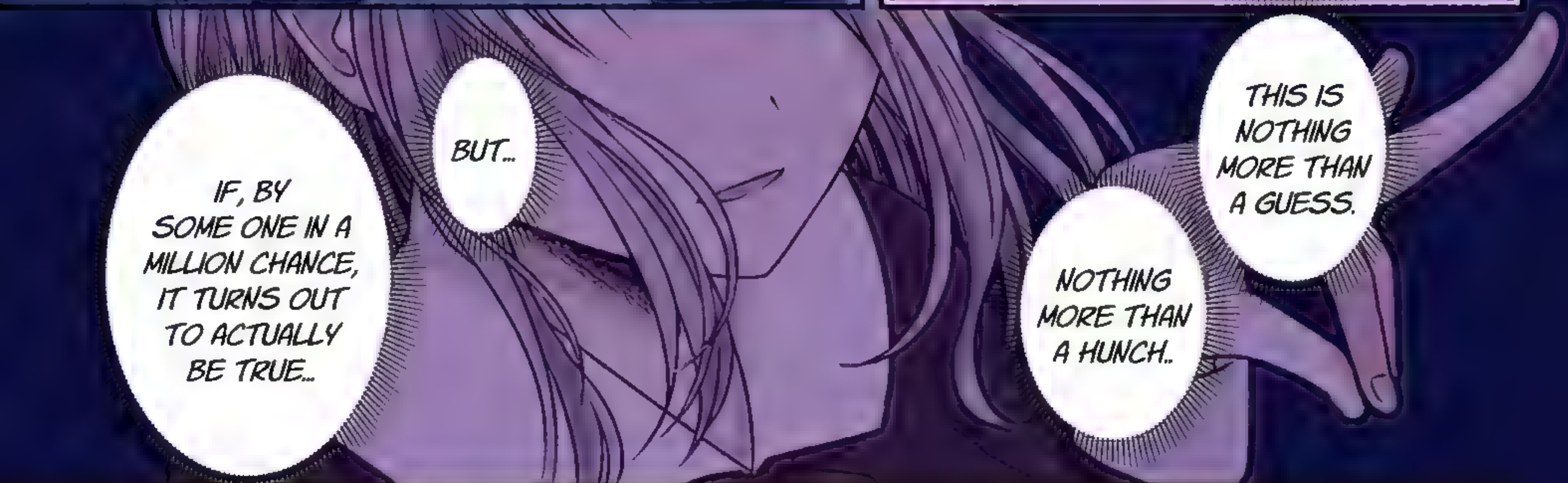


IS THAT
REALLY HOW
IT IS?



A BLUFF ONLY
WORKS BECAUSE
IT HAS A BIT OF
TRUTH MIXED
IN WITH IT,

SO JUST HOW
MUCH OF THAT
WAS A LIE?

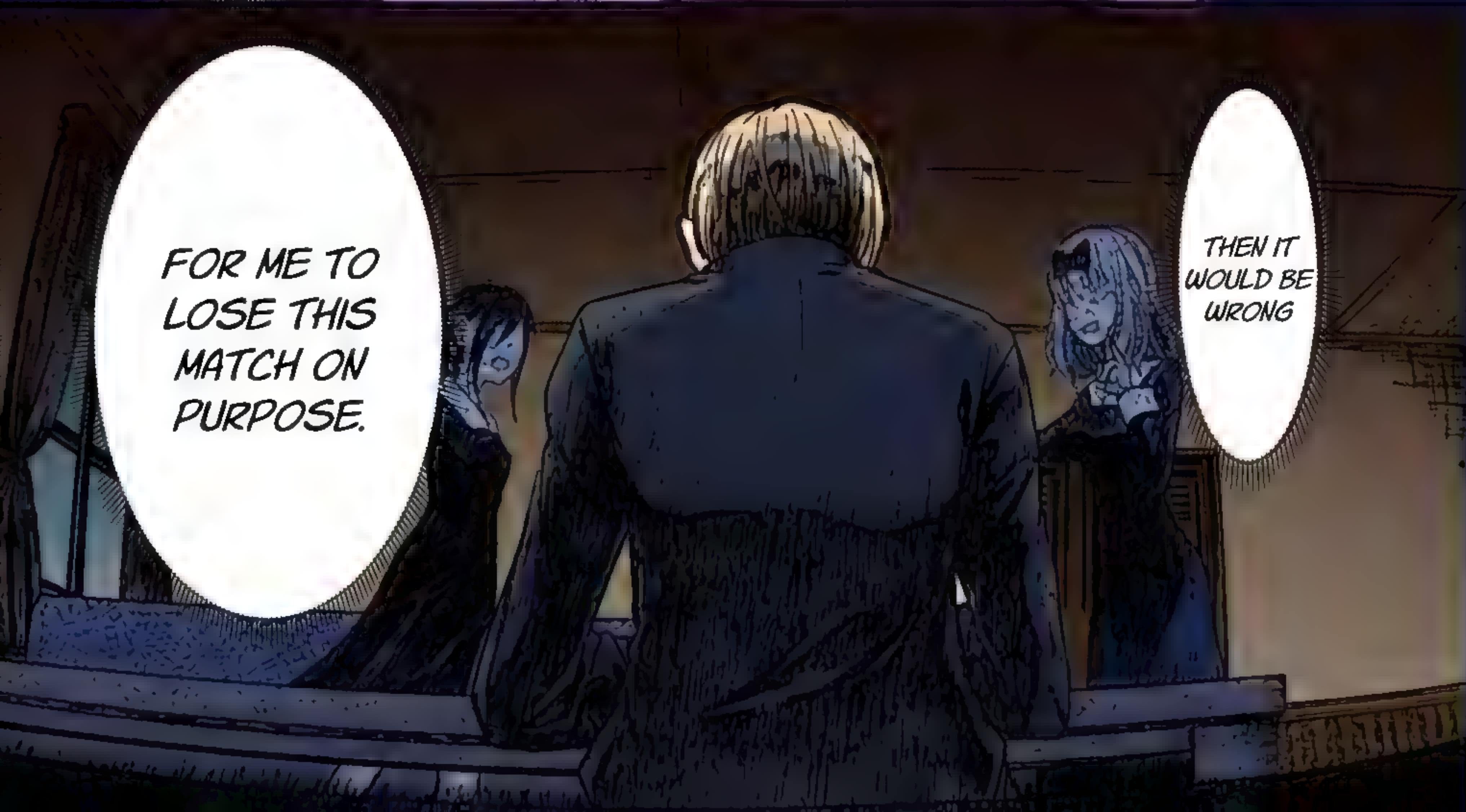


IF, BY
SOME ONE IN A
MILLION CHANCE,
IT TURNS OUT
TO ACTUALLY
BE TRUE...

BUT...

THIS IS
NOTHING
MORE THAN
A GUESS.

NOTHING
MORE THAN
A HUNCH..



FOR ME TO
LOSE THIS
MATCH ON
PURPOSE.

THEN IT
WOULD BE
WRONG



THAT
WOULD
BENEFIT
ME,

ONLY THINKING
OF MYSELF
AND THROWING
THE MATCH.

BUT IT
WOULD
ALSO
PUSH
HER TO
THE
SIDE.

THAT IS
THE CODE
THAT I LIVE
BY.

"I WILL NOT
HURT OTHERS
FOR MY OWN
GAIN."



BUT I
WILL NOT
BETRAY
MY CODE.

GOING
SHOPPING
WITH SHINOMIYA
MAY SEEM
ALLURING...



I'M GOING TO
GET SERIOUS
NOW.

FUJIWARA.



BZZZZT!
GOTCHA,
YO!



I BEAT
PRESI-
DENT!!

I
DID
IT!



!!!?
HUU-
VUU-
VUU-
HH!?

AND
PREDICTING
THOSE IS
THE KEY TO
WINNING
THIS GAME.

SERIOUS

NATURAL
REAC-
TIONS!
PEOPLE
WILL REACT
IN SPECIFIC
WAYS TO
SPECIFIC
SCENARIOS,



THE BANNED
WORD GAME IS
ONE THAT TESTS
*HOW WELL YOU
UNDERSTAND
THE OTHER
PLAYERS.*



WELL, I
SUPPOSE
I DON'T
HAVE A
CHOICE,
SINCE I
LOST.



GOING
SHOPPING...



HAVE
FUN,
YO!

OKAY!



I'LL
GO AND
BUY THE
CANDIES,
THEN.



TO BE
CONTINUED
IN THE
"HEART-
POUNDING
SHOPPING
TRIP"
CHAPTER.

RESULT
OF TODAY'S
BATTLE:
**SHIROGANE'S
LOSS**

I
LOST.

→
THE
FACE OF
SOMEONE
WHO ISN'T
SURE IF
SHE LOST
OR WON.



かくや様は告らせたい

〜天才たちの恋愛頭脳戦〜